

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST
PAYSON RANGER DISTRICT**

Temporary Camping Restriction

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”), and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona.

1. Camping. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)**.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

The Restricted Area includes all Tonto National Forest land within Section 2, of Township 11N, Range 12E (encompassing the Horton Spring area), as depicted in Exhibit A, except for those portions of Section 2 that are located within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest on top of the Mogollon Rim, within the eastern half of the northeast quarter of Section 2, and the extreme southeastern half of the southeast quarter of Section 2. The Restricted Area contains approximately 610 acres.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide short-term seasonal protection for nesting Mexican spotted owls during their critical reproductive period in the Restricted Area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect on **March 1, 2021**, at 12 a.m., and shall remain in effect until **August 31, 2021**, at 12 a.m., or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and is made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals or \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (see 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, (602) 225-5200, Payson Ranger District Office in Payson, AZ, 928-474-7900.
5. This Order supersedes any previous order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Dated this _____ day of February 2021, at Phoenix, Arizona.

TOM TORRES
Acting Forest Supervisor